

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 7-12 are in the present application. It is submitted that these claims were patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The changes to the claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 7, 9-10, and 12 were objected to because of informalities. In response, Applicants have amended the claims to clearly recite —a display unit—, —first time intervals— and —second time intervals— in all instances. Accordingly, Applicants believe this rejection has been overcome.

Claims 7-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ishikawa et al. (U.S. Patent 6,650,647).

The present invention discloses an information processing apparatus (e.g. laptop/cell phone/PDA) with a position information acquiring unit (e.g. GPS capability) which determines the current latitude and longitude position of the apparatus and generates (using the position information converting unit) a position map in HTML format (i.e. the claimed converted data).

The position map is periodically updated (i.e. at first time intervals) and transmitted to a server so that the position map can be accessed and displayed on other apparatus.

Applicants believe Ishikawa's client nodes (e.g. service vehicles, taxis) are properly compared to the present invention's information processing apparatus (e.g. laptop/cell phone/PDA) with a position information acquiring unit (e.g. GPS capability). Also, Applicants believe Ishikawa's service node is properly compared to the present invention's server. However, Ishikawa's web server which receives an HTML data request from the service node and returns HTML data back to the service node is a distinct element without an analogous counterpart in the present invention. Importantly, Ishikawa's client nodes (vehicles) neither send nor receive "a position map in a predetermined format which permits implementation of a website content" (e.g. Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) format) as required by the present claims.

More specifically, in the present invention, the information processing apparatus "converts said position information acquired by said position information acquiring unit into converted data to be displayed on other information processing apparatus; said converted data being a position map in a predetermined format which permits implementation of a website content." (Claim 7; Claims 8-12 contain similar limitations) In other words, the apparatus generates a position map in HTML and transmits it to the server. Whereas, Ishikawa simply indicates the vehicles have GPS and presumably these GPS coordinates are radio transmitted to the dispatch service.

Moreover, Ishikawa's service node transmits an email containing position data to the client nodes (vehicles) for display on a map. (see Step 124 of Figure 8) As shown by the exemplary email in Figure 7, this email is definitely not a position map in HTML format.

Although Ishikawa does disclose an HTML data request and response, this communication is between the service node and the web server, rather than between the service node and client node as would be needed to properly compare this to the communication between the present invention's information processing apparatus and server. Moreover, Ishikawa's HTML communication is disclosed as a transfer of position data, not as a transfer of a position map as required in the present invention.

Furthermore, the present invention's information processing apparatus transmits the position maps to the server at first time intervals and receives from the server updated position information at second time intervals. (Claim 7; Claims 8-12 contain similar limitations) Ishikawa simply does not discuss an equivalent to the first and second time intervals recited in the present claims.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Ishikawa fails to anticipate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

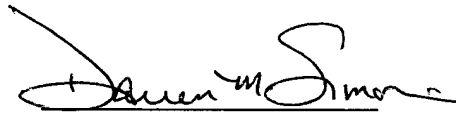
In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

No additional fees are deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment, but if such are, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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